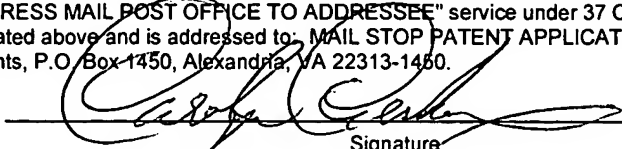


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In re Application of:
JOHNNY ARNAUD

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, which is submitted concurrently with the application entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MIXING FLUIDS, SEPARATING FLUIDS, AND SEPARATING SOLIDS FROM FLUIDS" by JOHNNY ARNAUD. Should any fees be due for the Office to consider the enclosed preliminary amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary amount from deposit account number 01-2508/11284.0029.DVUS07.